

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Prior to the examination of the application, claim 1 is canceled without prejudice or waiver, and claims 21-33 are added. Claims 2-20 were previously canceled. Claims 21-33 remain in the application. It is not the Applicants' intent to surrender any equivalents because of the amendments or arguments made herein. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6742 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

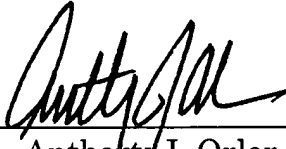
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Respectfully submitted,  
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